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GERALD LANE

BROADSTAIRS' LOSS

COUNCILLOR AND BUSINESS MAN

Within a week of Ramsgate losing one of its most prominent townsmen, Broadstairs is also mourning the death of one whose name meant much in the district's affairs.

With regret we record that Councillor Gerald William Lane, a well-known business man, and this year's Vice-Chairman of Broadstairs Council, passed away at his home, Luton House, Ramsgate-road, on Monday morning.

He was 63 years of age.

Although for many years Mr. Lane had been in indifferent health, his death came after only a very short illness. Actively engaged in public business up to the time of his confinement to bed, he attended the monthly meeting of the Council on Monday last week.

Although Mr. Lane could not claim a great experience of Council service he did much, over a long period of years, to assist in the betterment of the town, mainly through the work of the Chamber of Commerce, and his opinions, if not always popular, were respected by all.

Business Activity.

From humble beginnings Mr. Lane built up a business of which he was justly proud. In Faversham, his native town, he opened a printing business, later transfered to Herne Bay, and then, in 1912, came to Broadstairs where Lane's Library and stationery shop and the printing works associated with it, form one of the town's most flourishing establishments.

Mr. Lane's deep interest in public affairs caused him to seek Council honours in 1935 and in March of that year he was returned unopposed to fill the vacancy in the Pierremont Ward caused by the retirement of the late Sir Harry Fox.

He was not destined to retain his seat for long, however, for in the following year the late Mr. R. A. Cooppn came forward to contest the election. When the figures of that poll were disclosed they showed that it had been one of the most closely contested fights in the history of the Council, Mr. Cooppn won the seat by only nine votes (475-466).

Each year after that Mr. Lane's name was mentioned as a possible candidate but it was not until November, 1938, that he returned to the Council—this time as a representative of the Kingsgate Ward—having been elected by the members under their war emergency powers.

He became chairman of the North Foreland Golf Course Committee and from 1941 till April this year served in the position of chairman of the Entertainments Committee, which he had held in 1935.

Council Vice-Chairman.

When Councillor H. Noble was elected Chairman of the Council this year Mr. Lane was appointed Vice-Chairman.

On the introduction of the food rationing scheme Mr. Lane became Deputy Food Executive Officer for Broadstairs, a position he held until his death.

As an energetic member of Broadstairs Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Lane represented the body on the East Kent Federation of Chambers of Commerce. Although the Broadstairs Chamber is not functioning actively at the moment, he has also represented it at joint meetings with members of the Ramsgate and Margate Chambers.

Mr. Lane was a member of North Foreland Golf Club and formerly of St. Augustine's Golf Club.

The funeral will take place at St. Peter's on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER AGAINST MUSICIAN

MAINTENANCE FOR BROADSTAIRS WIFE

Stated to be a member of the Halle Orchestra and earning £9 12s. 6d. a week, William James Dennis, of Manchester, was ordered by Margate Cinque Ports matrimonial court on Monday to pay £2 a week for wife towards the maintenance of his wife, who lives at Broadstairs.

Mrs. Ivy Gladys Dennis alleged that he had failed to provide reasonable maintenance.

She was represented by Mr. E. C. Alfree, who stated that Mrs. Dennis married defendant in November, 1935, when he was a musician in the Suffolk Regiment. He afterwards went to the Grenadier Guards, he was discharged on medical grounds last January. He was engaged by a famous national orchestra at £14 15s. a week but later joined the Halle Orchestra at £9 12s. 6d. a week. Although he sent Mrs. Dennis £3 a week at first, that amount was later reduced to £2 and since last July he had sent her no money at all.

Defendant wrote to the court saying he would accept any decision the magistrates might come to concerning his wife's maintenance.

PARENTS NOT SATISFIED

RETURN OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The committee of parents preparing for the return of the secondary schools to Thanet are not satisfied with the replies they have received from the Kent Education Committee and the governors of the schools.

Mr. H. Taylor, of 14 Station Approach-road, Ramsgate, secretary to the parents' committee, writes to the Editor as follows:

The committee of parents desiring the return of the secondary schools to Thanet have considered the views expressed by the various authorities and the reasons given for their inability to meet the parents' wishes.

I am instructed to give a summary of the discussion.

The letter from the chairman (Alderman J. J. White) of the Kent Education District Committee expresses the view that "the work of the pupils was likely to be seriously affected by the shelling and air-raid warnings." On this argument it must be assumed that in nearly all towns, where exactly the same air-raid warnings are sounded, the work of pupils attending secondary schools is affected. Is this really so, please?

Further, the refusal to accept a deputation makes it impossible for the case to be fully explained and discussed. It will be appreciated that for security reasons one cannot advance all the arguments in the public press.

The K.E.C., Maidstone, "felt that no arrangements could be made at this critical period for the re-opening of the schools in the coastal area." My committee feel that all the facts were not before the K.E.C. when a decision was taken, and would point out that thousands of children are receiving elementary and higher elementary education in Thanet during the "critical period."

That there are no ill-effects is confirmed by the last report of the Medical Officer of Health for Ramsgate, in which it is stated "It is interesting to note that those children who remained in Ramsgate during 1940-41 appear to have been on average in rather better condition than children who returned from evacuation."

The committee are not disposed to leave the matter as it is, and will again strongly urge that secondary education should be provided in Thanet.

Communications will again be addressed to the K.E.C., the Board of Education and Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.P.

DENIED HE WAS A SOLDIER

ABSENTEE ARRESTED

Alleged to have told a police officer that he was in the rag business and had been called up for military service, Pte. John Louis Evans, aged 19, of the Middlesex Regiment, was charged at Ramsgate police court on Monday with being an absentee without leave from his unit since 2nd December.

W/R Willmoth said he saw defendant on Harbour-parade at 7.55 p.m. on Saturday. He asked him for his identity card but he said he had left it at home and he also stated that he had no other means of identification on him. He gave his name and address as John Evans, of 81 Prestedge-road, Ramsgate, and said he was in the rag business. He said he had registered for military service but had not been called up. Suspecting that he was an absentee, witness brought defendant to the police station, where he was identified and charged.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that defendant would be remanded to await the arrival of a military escort.

FINGER PRINTS TO BE TAKEN

TWO SOLDIERS AND A LORRY

An order for their photographs and finger-prints to be taken was made in respect of two soldiers who appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

They were James Arthur Wrigglesworth, aged 28, and George Henry Samuel, aged 27, both drivers in the Royal Artillery, and they were charged with being concerned together with driving away without lawful consent a motor lorry to the value of £500, the property of John Laing and Son, on 8th December.

C/I H. G. Butcher, applying for a remand in custody for a week, said the men had objected to their fingerprints being taken and he asked for an order.

Defendants were remanded in custody.

DEPARTURE FROM CUSTOM

MAGISTRATES BAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Although the Regional Commissioner has extended the curfew hour and the police offered no objection, Ramsgate magistrates on Monday refused an application for an extension to permit dancers to greet the New Year at the West Cliff Theatre.

The Entertainments Manager (Mr. R. J. Costerton) applied for an extension of the music and dancing licence until 12.15 a.m. but the magistrates granted it only until 11.45 p.m.

Mr. Costerton also applied for an extension until midnight for a Christmas Eve ball, until midnight for a Boxing Day ball and until 11.30 p.m. on 13th January for a ball in aid of the Mayor's War Distress Fund.

The magistrates granted the last two applications but in respect of Christmas Eve granted the extension only until 11.45 p.m.

Mr. W. G. Love was granted occasional licences to sell intoxicating liquor to terminate half an hour before the dances are due to end.

Making the applications, Mr. Costerton said he was applying for a little later extensions for the Christmas dances and to allow the New Year to be ushered in in the customary manner. The curfew on the sea front had been extended for the Christmas period until 1 a.m. and until 12.30 p.m. in respect of buildings.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced the decision on behalf of the magistrates.

Weddings

BOMBARDIER'S BRIDE

HEWITT—BELSEY

St. John's Church, Margate, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday when two well-known Thanet families were united.

The bride was Miss Denise Alice Belsey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Belsey of 4 Boundary-road, Ramsgate, and the bridegroom Bdr. George Ernest Hewitt, R.A., younger son of Mrs. C. Hewitt and the late Mr. Hewitt, of Marlborough-road, Margate.

Given away by her uncle, Mr. W. H. Alsworth, in the absence of her father, who is on active service in the Royal Navy, the bride wore a charming dress of powder blue silk with embroidered yoke, a matching coat and a heart-shaped halo hat. She carried a bouquet of pale pink chrysanthemums.

The service, at which the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us" and "Love divine all loves excelling" were sung, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. Perceval Smith) and attended by a large congregation of relatives and friends.

As the happy couple walked up the aisle a silver horseshoe was presented to them by little Elizabeth Ann Hewitt, niece of the bridegroom.

A reception followed at the home of the bridegroom a large number of telegrams of congratulation, including one from the bride's family, were read out by the best man, Mr. Norman Belsey, brother of the bride.

The many wedding presents included a dinner service, electric fire and lamp from the bride's colleagues at Leatherhead, Surrey, where she is engaged on war work.

CHATHAM HOUSE CHOIR

There was an appreciative audience at the Methodist Church, Uttoxeter, last week to hear a programme of Christmas music given by the boys of Chatham House School in aid of Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund.

A choir of about 60 boys took part, and their choral singing, both in unison and part-songs, deserved the high praise which was given by those who attended, including many fellow workers from their home towns, as well as local residents.

Mr. G. C. L. Neville, who trained the boys, also gave a number of appropriate solos, and in "Good King Wenceslas" the solo parts were well sung by M. Cullen and R. Yeo. The programme included some old carols from the 14th and 15th centuries, and the international element was introduced with items which originated in Holland, France, Czechoslovakia and Germany. "In the bleak midwinter" and carols by Christina Rossetti and music by Gustav Holst, was especially well rendered, and "How far is it to Bethlehem?" by Geoffrey Shaw, was another very popular item in a well-varied programme which concluded with "The first Noel," in which all present joined.

Mr. H. J. Bower presided, and at the conclusion thanked those present for supporting and encouraging the boys by their attendance, and at the same time contributing to a worthy cause.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

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OLD VICARAGE LIGHT

BLACK-OUT CASE ADJOURNED

Because she suggested that somebody else might have got into the premises and left the light on, Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a week a summons against Mrs. Phyllis May Edwards, of High-street, St. Lawrence.

Mrs. Edwards was summoned for permitting a light to show after black-out at the old vicarage in Chapel-place, Ramsgate, on 3rd December.

S/C Delange said he saw a light shining from the rear of the premises at 9.35 p.m. He knocked without receiving any reply and with Sgt. Robinson gained access through an insecure window and extinguished the light.

P/C Shanahan said defendant told him she was engaged to clean the premises. She went there at 11.30 a.m. on 3rd December and left at 12.45. She switched on the light in the kitchen but did not remember turning on the light on the landing. Defendant was the only person in Ramsgate who had the key to the premises.

Defendant told the magistrates that she did not turn on the landing light. The following day when she arrived at the premises she found workmen had got in through a window and had turned on the light which the police officers had found on the previous night. She believed someone in Goodwin-road also had a key.

C/I H. G. Butcher said it was the first he had heard of this explanation. As stated, the magistrates adjourned the case for a week in order that further enquiries could be made.

DETECTIVE'S SUSPICION

SOLDIERS' CAR RIDE

James Thomson, aged 40, and John James Lewis, aged 30, both serving in the Royal Artillery, were charged at Margate police court on Friday with stealing a motor car, valued at £165, from Dane-road, the property of Harold William Cousens.

They were alternatively charged with taking and driving the car away without the owner's consent, and also with using the vehicle without a policy of third party insurance. Lewis was also accused of driving without being licensed.

D/C Elliott, giving evidence of arrest, said he was cycling home along Richmond-avenue the previous night when a car overtook him and the manner in which it was being driven aroused his suspicions. He followed it on his cycle and later saw it stationary in Lyleham-road. Lewis was just getting out of the driving seat and Thomson was sitting in the back. With the assistance of several soldiers he took them to a military guard-room in the vicinity and telephoned the police station for a car in which to take them into custody. When charged, Lewis said he had nothing to say and Thomson replied "I did not steal."

On the application of C/I Fleet the two men were remanded until to-morrow.

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THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE SHORT STORY

A BARGAIN

by L. A. G. STRONG

MR. Spaddacott took out his pipe, and severely inspected the mouthpiece.

"Some women likes to be served rough," he said. "Others don't."

The remark seemed to call for no comment, so we waited for him to go on. He gave a sudden chuckle.

"It was all along of him acting so conceited," he continued. "Leastways, it was her takin' it up that way. And him makin' wise he was, to rile her like."

"Who are you talking about?" I asked, after another pause.

"Fred Narracott. D'ee know en? Pilot-sergeant in the Flyin' Corps."

Mr. Spaddacott had his own system of service nomenclature, deriving partly from past wars, and partly from imagination.

"Aw. You did ought to know Fred Narracott. A caution. And Eda. Her's a caution too. Nobody would ever have reckoned they two would do it." He chuckled again. "I'll tell ee the pedigree of it."

"About the time we had the first blitz in to Plymouth, Fred was back home. 'Ed been to Dunkirk, got 'urt a bit, and they give 'en wat d'ee call passionate leave for to get right again."

"Well, 'e 'adn't been home above a week, from 'ospital, when us has the blitz. Germans, they comes out over the moors, swerves round, drops a trail of flares like, all the way into Plymouth, so as the rest can folley after. Guns into Plymouth gets goin', and some of the Germans don't like the looks o' it, so they starts droppin' their bombs short, like: and us gets a packet of they there incendiaries down to Farmer Varcoe's, and sets his barn afire.

"Purty near everybody turns out to make out the fire. Us had a goodish fire service ready, for a small place. Fred Narracott didn't get there as soon as some of t'others, because 'e lived further off. Eda, her was there with the first.

"Now Eda was one of they high-sperrited, independent sort o' maids what reckons a man did ought to be kept in his place. So, when Fred comes home, and everybody makes a 'ero of en, it set she right off in t' other direction. Her reckoned the folk was spoilin' of en, and her said so, purty free. Course, it came to Fred's ear-'oles, and 'e used for to play-up, an' laugh at the maid, and act conceited, to make 'er angry. Succeeded in it, too, begad.

"Well, just about so soon as Fred came to the fire, some of they Germans, seein' of it, reckoned 'twas a part of Plymouth, or else made wise they did, so as to 'ave a good excuse to let go their bombs afore they comes nigh the guns. Whisly whisly, down come one, over in the plantation, and goes off there with noise like as if some one 'ad give 'ee a clip over the ear'ole. Then there wos a worse noise, like tearin' open a sheet. 'Down!' scritches Bill Gard. 'Lay down!'

"They lays down, just as bomb falls in the field. Eda and a few others that had 'old of the 'ose, didn't get down quick enough, and blast sends 'em flyin'. They wasn't 'urt, bar Henry Toop, what knocked his arm on a stone: but they was winded like.

"Fred Narracott was one of the first to come to 'em. 'E was close to me when 'e picked 'isself up——"

"What?" interjected a listener. "Were you there?"

The old man looked at him, without expression.

"Where d'ee reckon I should be?" he inquired. "Up to Lunnon?"

He waited, then went on:

"I was 'longside the man, and I seen 'e was all of a shake, and 'is teeth chatterin'. 'E give me a grin.

"'I bain't quite right yet, Granda'a,' 'e says. 'Twas like 'is impidence. I didn't mind en. I knowed 'twas to put hisself in countenance, like. Any'ow, I 'ad to shove me teeth back into place, 'fore I could answer the cheeky toad.

"Go easy then, boy," I says to 'en.

"'E give hisself a bit of a shake, and goes to see if anyone was 'urt. First one'e finds is Eda. Blast had heaved her into a ditch, all along of nettles and brambles. Her was shocked, as the sayin' is, all shaky and cryin'. The sight of 'er pulls Fred together. 'E gives 'er a 'and up, and starts to brush 'er down and soothe 'er.

"'There, there, my dear,' 'e says, 'You'll feel all right in a minute.'

"The maid was mad, to be seen like it, by Fred of all people.

"'I'm all right now, thank you,' her snaps at en. Her could 'ardly stand upright.

"'Let me give you a 'and,' 'e says, and slips an arm around 'er. 'Er shakes en off.

"'I'll thank you to leave me alone,' her says."

"Well, that narked en a bit, and 'e spoke unkind. Said afterwards, 'e done it to rile'er and bring 'er round. Myself, I reckon 'e was snappy too, from bein' shook up himself.

"'You'd better go back home and 'ave a nice lay down,' 'e says. 'Your nerves bain't up to this kind of thing.'

"'Er eyes blazes at en in the light of the burnin' barn.

"'If some folks come here sooner, 'stead 'o skulkin' under the bedclothes,' 'er says, 'the fire would a been out, and us wouldn't be a targit.'

"She starts to go back to the 'ose, and stumbles. 'E puts 'is arm round 'er again, and with the same 'er, slaps 'is face.

"Well after that, Fred goes out of 'is way to rile the maid. 'E says in 'er 'earing 'ow some girls is all ready to dress up and play they'm goin' to 'elp, but, when the time comes, they loses their nerve and cries and bain't no cop to nobody. And Eda would blaze at en with 'er eyes, and remark—so soon as 'er could speak with the anger—that her thought poor of a man who stayed safe at home, when 'is betters was left be'ind to face the music. 'Twas a bad thing to say, for Fred's best pal, George Bickle, what 'ad been through Dunkirk with en, 'ad been killed. News came, a week after us 'ad they bombs. But Eda didn't care. Fair venomous, the maid was.

"Then Fred's leave come to an end, and us 'ad peace. One more lot of they incendiaries come on the village, but they was all got out quick, there wasn't no disturbances till Charlie Smale run in one night to the Lamb and said 'e seen George Bickle's ghost on the little bit of garden outside of Fred's 'ouse.

"Well, you know 'ow a thing like that spreads. End o' the week, there were 'alf a dozen what seen it, or said they 'ad. Some said t'was in the garden, others 'twas in the lane, others 'twas on the 'edge. Folks beginned to get nervous, and some wouldn't go nigh Fred's place so soon as black-out come down. And so it lasts, right up to winter time. Fred's old mother didn't set no store by the talk. Tough old body, her is."

"Bimbye, Fred comes back 'ome on leave again. First thing 'e 'ears, so soon as 'e was sat down comfortable inside of the Lamb, is all this here tell about the ghost. The man's face changed, visible. Didn't like it at all, Fred didn't. Asked a question or two, said 'e didn't believe no such things, and got short with 'em when they went on about it. So they stops.

"This come to Eda's ears, 'ow Fred changes face so soon as 'e 'ears about the ghost—as a man might, when 'tis said to be the ghost of 'is best friend—and her drops a sneerin' remark or two. Fred laughs at 'er, so brassy as you please, and says 'e don't give a pin for forty ghosts.

"'I'm sorry you'm so nervous,' 'e says. 'You'm lettin' your imagination run away wi 'ee.'

"'If you was to see the ghost,' she said, 'you'd run for your life.'

"'I'll make a bargain with you,' Fred says. 'If I meets the ghost, 'tis the ghost'll run, not me.'

"'Bargain,' she says. 'What d'ee mean?'

"'If I run,' he says, 'you shall slap my face again. If the ghost runs, I'll slap yours.'

"Well, one misty night, very soon after, the li'l evecuee girl, what lives to Fred's, give a scritch, and come runnin' in. 'Ghost,' 'er says, 'Ghost.'

"Fred jumps up from the table, and runs out by side door. There, in the mist, he sees a fearful figure, all in white, wavin' of its arms to en.

"It so 'appened that Fred 'ad been trimmin' of 'is grass plot that day, and there was a few nice sods of turf layin' 'andy. 'E runs to they, picks up 'alf a dozen, and starts to pelt the ghost. Ghost, it wavers like, then goes right 'over backwards. Fred gives a great laugh, and goes on heavin' turfs. Ghost scrambles up, and runs like a mazed thing, with Fred runnin' after, holleyin' with laughter and heavin' turfs. 'E drives the ghost into the li'l narrow path leadin' up to the moor: then 'e stops short and hearens. 'E 'ears runnin' feet, gettin' faint: then 'e 'ears a great splash. 'E gives out a laugh what you could 'ear down to the cross-roads, and goes back to 'is house."

"'That ghost won't walk no more,' 'e says.

"Come mornin', they goes out and finds what the artful toad 'ad done. 'E'd took the old flat bath, what they put food in for the fowls, sticked it in the narrowes' li'l bit of the path, fulled it up wi' water, and tied a string across jus' afore it, so as the ghost 'ud trip over and fall in.

"Couple of days after, 'e meets Eda in the roadway. Her had a bruise all down one side of 'er cheek, and a swole-up lip where her'd fell against the edge of the bath. Her eyes glinted at the sight of en.

"Fred goes right up to 'er.

"'Ah, my purty little dear,' 'e says. 'Did I 'urt 'ee, then? I never meaned to.'

"And 'e took 'er in 'is arms and kissed the face off of 'er.

"That was the slap 'e give her, for 'is bargain.

"They was tokened same day; and wed las' Toosday. Onexpected? I wouldn't say that. 'Alf the old 'ooman in the village 'ad prophesied it, months back. Come to that, I 'ad quite a good idea of it meself. When a man and a maid gets thinkin' one pon t' other persistent, like———"

The End.

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

MAGNIFICENT RECORD

LIFEBOAT VOLUNTARY EFFORT

A high tribute to the work of the Ramsgate branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is paid by Col. C. Satterthwaite, secretary to the institution, in a letter to Mr. Thomas H. Dutton, hon. secretary of the Ramsgate branch.

Col. Satterthwaite writes:

Your branch statement of receipts and payments just received for the fourth war year is another magnificent record of voluntary achievement, for which it is my privilege once again on behalf of the lifeboat service and of the seamen and airmen rescued during the year to send to you, to your branch officials and helpers our warmest congratulations and grateful thanks.

I know the immense amount of individual and collective effort represented by the figures on the statement, and although the devotion of our honorary workers and the response of the public year after year are now almost as traditional as is the bravery of our crews, we never cease to wonder at and admire this widespread constancy of thought and action in support of our great and humane undertaking. It is such generosity in help and contributions that has enabled us to build up the finest lifeboat service in the world, and we know that we can face with confidence the heavy and accumulating needs of the service in new boat building and other construction which will have to be undertaken when the war is over.

WOMAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Serious injuries were sustained by Mrs. Florence Euginia Gadd, aged 42, of 16, Picton-road, Ramsgate, as a result of an accident in King-street, Ramsgate, on Tuesday morning.

As two lorries were passing outside the Cinque Ports public-house one of them mounted the pavement and Mrs. Gadd was knocked down.

She was removed to Ramsgate General Hospital suffering from a fractured pelvis and a fracture of the left foot.

More and More from Less and Less

BRITISH INGENUITY IS HELPING TO DEFEAT HITLER

From your train window, you may see trucks being shunted on sidings which rest on concrete sleepers. You may see a newly-built engine pulling a line of trucks. The buttons on the uniform of your soldier travelling companion may not shine like spit-and-polished metal. A squadron of Mosquito bombers may roar overhead at 400 miles an hour.

You take it all for granted. But the concrete sleepers have taken the place of wooden sleepers, saving vital timber. The engine is probably an austerity locomotive which, by simplification and standardisation of design, has saved 6,000 man-hours in building. The buttons are plastic and represent a saving of 2,000 tons of copper. The Mosquitos are of all-wood construction, saving precious metal and bringing an entirely new industry into the manufacture of first-line aircraft.

These examples, which can be multiplied almost indefinitely, point to the story of great achievement. Despite shortages of materials and increase in shortages of labour, Britain has produced more and more equipment without which Alamein, Salerno and the unending R.A.F. raids would not have been possible.

Flood of Weapons.

This drive for economy in labour and in raw materials is the story of numberless instances—seemingly insignificant in themselves—which, combined, have produced a flood of weapons for the forces. The new bayonet, brought out just before the war, was forged and hand-ground. It was far more economical in manufacture than the previous bayonet. But this year, by fabrication and forging, a bayonet is being produced which saves 60 per cent. of the labour and 50 per cent. of the steel. And it is made by women.

Military badges were previously embroidered. Now they are printed, and this saves as much as 1,000,000 man-hours each year, or 500 workers. Mechanical inspection by gauges and quality control apparatus—fascinating machines that sort out the "duds"—has released up to 75 per cent. of persons formerly required for the inspection of high-precision manufactured war equipment.

Remember the weeks after Pearl Harbour, the loss of Malaya and the Dutch East Indies? Almost overnight, we lost 90 per cent. of the world's pre-war natural rubber resources. Of our rubber consumption, 70 per cent. goes into tyres. When you remember that a large bomber changes its tyres after only three or four landings, you will appreciate the problem. But new manufacturing processes now produce ten tyres from 200lbs. of rubber, whereas only seven were made before.

Perhaps the most spectacular of all these war-inspired ingenuities has been carried out by chemists. In the last war, Germany perfected the Haber process for the fixation of nitrogen, and probably prolonged that war as a result. In this war, our chemists have solved the problem of obtaining magnesium from sea water. The loss of Greece, with the supply of magnesite from which magnesium is obtained, led us to this new source. Now German cities are being burnt to ashes by incendiary bombs whose origin is the ocean waves.

Tanks of—Paper.

Remember the pots-and-pans-for-Spitfires campaign? That was when aluminium was scarce, when, in fact, the Luftwaffe was our best supplier of this precious element. Now aluminium is being saved in countless ways by aircraft manufacturers. Long-range aircraft carry extra tanks which are jettisoned when empty. Previously they were made of metal; now they are made of—can you guess?—paper! So are aircraft wheel "spats" which were formerly made of aluminium.

And to come down to a more domestic story. The ordinary broom-handle shows that nothing can be taken for granted. The bevelled square handle now being made saves one-third of the timber used in the orthodox round section.

That is a story of achievement, of economy in the little things and economy in the big things. The illustrations are, perhaps, nothing new in themselves, and many are commonplace. But together with the countless numbers of similar examples they demonstrate what we are doing.

The story does not end there. It will finish only if we continue our energy and enthusiasm and ingenuity in making more and more from less and less.

SGT.-PILOT REDBOURN

MISSING FROM AIR OPERATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Redbourn, of the Wheatsheaf Inn, Northdown, have received news that their son, Sgt.-Plt. Peter Reginald Redbourn, R.A.F.V.R., is missing following an operation with Bomber Command.

Nineteen years of age, Sgt.-Plt. Redbourn had only recently commenced operations as second pilot in a heavy bomber.

He joined the R.A.F. two years ago, volunteering for flying duties. He received his education at St. Lawrence College, King's School, Rochester, and Chatham House, Ramsgate.

Part of his training was done in Canada.

RAMSGATE AIRMAN MISSING

Flt.-Sgt. Ray I. Money, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Money, of 165 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, is reported missing as a result of air operations.

Twenty-six years old, Flt.-Sgt. Money joined the R.A.F. in 1937 but during the past year he has been transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was married a few weeks ago and his wife is living at Sheffield.

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COUNTY Laundry, Ramsgate, require hands in all departments; experienced or otherwise.—Apply, Willson's-road Office. †85

SITUATIONS available in greyhound racing kennels (London tracks); wages £2 10s. per week, plus free quarters, holidays with pay; Youths 16-18 years, experienced in hound or stable work, preferred.—Write, Box 150, c/o Pool's Advertising Service, Aldwych House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2.

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FREEHOLD House, 128, Southwood-road, Ramsgate, for sale, in good condition; vacant possession; £250.—Apply, 43, Dane Park-road, Ramsgate. 82

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MANNERS

A DIAGNOSIS

By GEORGE BIRMINGHAM

There is a very general feeling that our manners are deteriorating. Instead of being civil to each other, we are rude. Instead of courtesy, we receive and return nasty snaps. It is not, so far as I have heard, our domestic, home manners which are called in question. We are still fairly agreeable, even at breakfast time, to our families, and offer a welcome to the friend who drops in for a cup of tea, even if he is thoughtless enough to say he likes two lumps of sugar. What is wrong is our public behaviour, in bus queues, during the struggle for seats in trains, and above all in shops, whether on the buyer's or the seller's side of the counter. The complaint is, I am afraid, justified, and it is rather a serious matter. We need not go so far as the mediæval Bishop of Winchester, who said that Manners Makyth Man. But good manners certainly oil the wheels of life, making it a much more pleasant business; whereas bad manners have the power of begetting bad manners in others, so that one rude person makes everyone with whom he comes in contact rude, too.

Civility and Cash.

It is said by cynics that civility, that is to say good manners, depends on money. A man, or woman, is civil if, directly or indirectly, he is paid for it and rude if there is no prospect of gain. In support of this view the manners of shopkeepers and their assistants are quoted. These people are suave and agreeable when they are trying to sell their goods, that is to make money. They become snappy and rude when they have no goods to sell or not enough to supply everyone who wants to buy. There is nothing to be gained by being civil, and so no one is civil. Tobacconists are an example. When tobacco was scarce, tobacconists could sell all they had quite easily, and their manners deteriorated. When tobacco became abundant again, and the tobacconists wanted to sell, they went back to their old-time courtesy. But this theory is entirely wrong. In the first place, whole classes of people retain their natural good manners who have nothing to gain by it. Our girl bus conductors, for instance, are almost invariably civil, even to the most trying travellers, and they have nothing to gain by their good manners. The same thing is true of the people from whom casual strangers enquire the way to somewhere. Their courtesy is quite unfailing. They will even go out of their way to act as guides to enquirers, though they have no hope of being given a shilling for their trouble, or would accept such a tip if it were offered.

Frustration.

The fact is that the shopkeeper—to go back to him—is not solely, perhaps not chiefly, out to make money. He takes a pride in his profession. He wants to be able to satisfy the needs of his customers, promptly and fully. He makes money by so doing, but money making is not his only motive. Under war conditions, beset by controls and harried by controllers he cannot get the things his customers want and has to be continually saying "No," when his wish is to say "Yes. Certainly." He suffers from a perpetual sense of frustration, and this reacts on his manners. When he becomes snappy, as he is almost sure to do, his customer snaps back. Everyone's temper wears thin, and human intercourse is a most disagreeable business. The only time when a bus conductress becomes abrupt is when there is no more room in her bus, and she has to turn people away. She is then in the position of the shopkeeper with nothing to sell and suffers from the same sense of frustration, with the resultant lapse into bad manners.

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Orders for week commencing 12th December.

Part 1. Parades.

To-day.—A and C Coys. and Broadstairs Pltn. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Wednesday.—B Coy. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Thursday.—C Coy. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Part 2.

Promotions, B Coy. The undermentioned cpl. to be sgt., with seniority from 29/11/43—45834, Smith, B. E. The undermentioned cadets to be l-cpls., with seniority from 29/11/43—45823, Dobson, A. W.; 45821, Massie, R.

T. Wells, Lt., T.A.R.O.
Adjt. for C.O.

NAVY LEAGUE SEA CADET CORPS

Orders for the week.

To-day.—19.00 hrs. Sections parade at respective H.Qs. for instruction. Dress No. 3.

Friday.—19.00 hrs. Sections parade at respective H.Qs. for instruction.

Dress plain unless otherwise stated.

W. J. Withers, Sub-Lt., R.N.V.R.
Admin. Officer for C.O.

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

The time has arrived for the last Scout Column of 1943, and as our thoughts go out to all our brother Scouts who will spend their Christmas in so many cases hundreds of miles away from Thanet, it is a cheering thought that through the newspaper from their home town they know that our best wishes for a speedy return are with them and their old troop chums, who are probably as far away in one direction as they are in another.

When a short leave does come the Scouter is often thankful that the bond of friendship that existed in troop days leaves such an excellent and vivid impression that the memory box is not too sorely tried to recall where these old pals have found themselves serving ashore or afloat, for everyone on leave naturally wants to know where are the others of his old patrol, and the Scouter is the vital link—sometimes having to wait a long time to pass on a message from someone who was on leave in June to another old Scout who turns up on leave in December. Still, he usually remembers.

Our D.C. has not spent as much time amongst us as we would have wished this year, but if things alter, as we hope in 1944, we look forward to him being able to get to more ordinary troop meetings, as he ardently wishes. At present he has to divide his time between some of his numerous offices, of which he has his share! As Assistant County Commissioner for Air Scouts and Squadron Leader and District Inspecting Officer Air Training Corps, the work is somewhat similar, and also makes for a good liaison between us and the A.T.C. As District Commissioner for Broadstairs and Ramsgate and District Commissioner for Cranbrook and Tenterden, distance does not ease any problem, but all warrant appointments and a good share of the first class scout examining still are very much his personal concern, and many weeks in the year we manage to work a staff talk so that as D.C. we still consider him very much our own. We also hope that 1944 will see the return of some of our Assistant District Commissioners now away on important war jobs. Claud Gurr (Rovers) is doing wireless work in Scotland, John Groom still so near and yet so far at Maidstone, and Mrs. Howard (Cubs) nursing in Greater London. Our District Scoutmaster, Jocelyn Laverton, who was so active with the 6th Ramsgate Sea Scouts early in the war, is still holding commissioned instructional rank in the R.A.F., very much concerned with budding night fighter pilots.

Another of our Scouters, Alan Bingham, of the 3rd Manston, now sergeant, Royal Corps of Signals, has just been home on Christmas leave. He missed seeing his former A.S.M.—now Actg. Major Donald Siminson—by a matter of minutes!

The St. Lawrence Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies held their Christmas tea last Saturday at the Parish Hall and to this large family of St. Lawrence youth there came the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. G. W. Twigger), intimately interested as grandparents of a Wolf Cub—Brian Sparkes, Miss H. Bowler, Guide Commissioner, and the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Roundhill. After tea there was a varied programme of games, contests between Guides and Scouts, and Cubs and Brownies, and community singing. During the evening "We Three"—R.S.I. John Beadle, Patrol Leader Ron Bushell and Second Ron Spain—put on some good variety entertainment, and Warrant Officer John Warren, A.E. Corps, who is the Assistant Scoutmaster, gave a well-applauded humorous monologue. The Mayor presented Scout Alan Isaacs with a Scout diary for initiative and keenness of Scout spirit, with a few well-chosen words on the happiness given to others by the daily good turn, and telling the recipient of the diary to fill up every page every day with a good turn to someone who would be the happier because of it. The A.D.C. expressed the thanks of the Scouters and Guiders for the help and interest of the parents and helpers in the very successful event and also the pleasure of those present in their visitors, who also included representatives from other Scout and Guide units from Ramsgate and Minster. The evening concluded with Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

The 1st Broadstairs Cub Pack have held their first investiture recently, when the O.S.M., the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, enrolled several Cubs who had successfully passed their initial tests, and presented the badges. An invitation to the parents to attend was accepted by a considerable number of fathers as well as mothers, and the pack is making good progress. A Scout section to the group will be formed as soon as anyone has been found to take charge, and there are already a number of lads waiting to join this senior section when it is possible to start.

A hearty welcome home to John Claw, of Chilton, former Troop Leader of the 1st St. Lawrence. John, who has been wounded, has been serving with the forces in the Middle East for the past six years. He thinks Ramsgate has changed a lot since he was last home.

C.F.W.

FUNERAL OF MR. EDWARD AYRES

The funeral took place at Minster cemetery of Mr. Edward Ayres, who passed away at his home, Sunnyside, Durlock, Minster, at the age of 84 years.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael) and the mourners were Mr. W. Ayres and Miss L. B. Ayres (son and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. G. Studham (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. C. King (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. G. Swain and Mr. H. Andrews.

Floral tributes were received from: Son and Lil; May and George; Hilda and Cyril; Winnie and Hen; neighbours; White Horse; John and Ted; Durlock Garden; Miss G. E. Collard and all at Wingham Lodge; Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds (Birchington); Bert and Mr. and Mrs. A. Setterfield; Flo and son; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper (Torrington).

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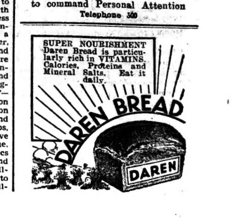

FOOD FACTS

More Recipes for the new SALT FISH

The next time you visit the fishmonger's ask for some of the Salt Fish at 10d. a lb. which Canada and Newfoundland are sending us this winter to make up for the shortage of other fish. **You will find it cheap and a change, and it will repay you for extra care in the cooking.** This fish is heavily salted to keep it in condition during its long journey, so it must be soaked in water for about 24 hours before using. Ask your fishmonger how long he has soaked the fish. If he says less than 24 hours, finish the soaking at home. Once the salt is out, cook it the same day. Here are some more recipes for making new and nourishing dishes from Salt Fish:

HOW TO SOAK

If the fish has not been soaked at all, soak it in plenty of cold water, skin side up, for 24 hours. If possible, change the water once or twice during soaking.

HOW TO BOIL

Drain from the soaking water and rinse the fish under the cold tap. Cut in convenient pieces; put in a pan with cold water to cover and bring slowly to the boil. Cook until tender, about ten minutes. Drain well and use as required.

SALT COD—SCOTCH STYLE

Ingredients: 1 large leek or onion, chopped; ½ oz. fat; ½ pint vinegar; 2 chillies; ½ pint water; 1 lb. soaked salt cod; 1 level dessertspoonful flour. *Quantity:* 4 helpings.

Method: Fry leek or onion in fat till tender. Add vinegar, chillies, and water and bring to the boil. Skin and bone cod, divide into portions and simmer in the sauce for ½ an hour till tender. Remove fish, flake finely and keep hot. Bring sauce to boiling point, add flour, mix to a smooth paste with water, boil 5 minutes and add fish. Serve with boiled potatoes and a green vegetable. It may also be served cold with salad.

Make sure you try this recipe repeated from Food Facts No. 177:

FISH CAKES

Ingredients: ½ lb. soaked salted cod, cooked; ½ lb. mashed potatoes; 1 large leek or onion, chopped finely; 1 tablespoon chopped parsley; pepper; a few drops of vinegar.

Method: Mix all ingredients together, form into cakes, dip into reconstituted egg and breadcrumbs, and fry in hot fat, or bake in the oven, when no extra fat is needed. *Note:* If preferred, the leek or onion may be fried or boiled before adding to the other ingredients.

BAKED COD WITH PARSNIP BALLS AND PIQUANT SAUCE

Ingredients: 2 lb. parsnips; salt; pepper; browned crumbs; 1 lb. soaked salt cod; 4 tablespoons dripping. *Sauce:* ½ oz. margarine; 2 level tablespoons flour; ½ pint vegetable stock; salt; pepper; mustard; 1 tablespoon vinegar. *Quantity:* 4 helpings.

Method: Cook the parsnips till quite soft. Drain and mash well with seasonings. Form into balls and coat in browned crumbs. Skin and bone fish, place in baking tin and spread with dripping. Bake in a quick oven for 5 minutes; then add parsnip balls and bake together for 20 minutes. *Sauce:* Melt margarine, add flour, cook 3 minutes. Add liquid gradually, stirring well, and cook for another 5 minutes. Season and stir in vinegar. Serve with fish in centre of dish, the parsnip balls round and the sauce over the fish.

COD PANCAKES

Ingredients: ½ lb. soaked salt cod; 1 level tablespoon chopped parsley; salt and pepper; 2 level tablespoons mixed herbs; 6 oz. mashed carrots. *Batter:* 4 oz. flour; 1 level tablespoon Dried Egg (dry); 2 level teaspoons baking powder; salt; ½ pint water. *Quantity:* 4 helpings.

Method: Cook the cod in water until it flakes easily. Remove bones and flake in small pieces. Make the batter by mixing together all the dry ingredients, adding sufficient water to make a stiff batter. Beat well and add the remainder of the water. Add to the batter the flaked cod, parsley, seasoning, herbs and carrots. Melt some fat in a pan and when smoking hot drop in large spoonfuls of the mixture. Brown the pancakes on one side and then turn over and brown the other.

LISTEN TO THE KITCHEN FRONT FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY at 8.15 a.m.

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1. FOOD FACTS No. 179

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

The silver cup presented by Mr. J. Muir, of the Hovelling Boat Inn, was won by Gnr. Hawes when the 4th and 5th Batteries of the 1st Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteers, held their Christmas prize firing at Pegwell.

The new schoolroom at Salem Baptist Church, St. Peter's, is rapidly approaching completion.

A letter from Mr. Harry Primrose, better known as "Uncle Spot," asking permission to bring a minstrel troupe to Broadstairs next summer, is remaining in abeyance. Some members of the Pier and Harbour Commission do not think the troupe are appreciated.

Mr. E. Wotton and Mr. I. Bannister are mentioned as the two candidates for the vacancy caused in the East Cliff ward, Ramsgate, by the death of Councillor Wellard.

25 YEARS AGO

The chances of the revival of the Ramsgate fishing industry are considerably reduced by the decision of the Board of Trade to double the dues on fishing vessels. The announcement that the dues are to be increased has caused much dissatisfaction among the local sea faring community.

Under the new Education Act great facilities are given for the development of elementary schools. Ramsgate Education Committee are to be asked to nominate St. George's Schools as the new central schools for the town under the provisions of the Fisher Act.

The time has come when the restrictions on road traffic between Ramsgate and Sandwich should be removed. These restrictions impose great hardship on traders and mean much loss of time.

A victory ball has been held at the Royal Victoria Pavilion, Ramsgate, by the R.A.O.B.

For the purpose of entertaining men during their leave from ships the Naval Boys' Holiday Hostel have taken over 61 Ellington-road, Ramsgate.

ENJOYS HER FOOD

Wishes she'd heard years ago of MOORLAND INDIGESTION TABLETS

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FOUNDED LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC

DEATH OF MR. G. A. HOLMES

Mr. George Augustus Holmes, founder of the London College of Music, who has died at Sutton, Surrey, was well-known at Broadstairs, where he had resided periodically since 1905 at Breeze Holm, Knight's-avenue.

Mr. Holmes devoted his life to the study of music and, when only 17, was assistant organist at a church at Nunhead. He founded the London College of Music in 1887 and, until his death, was chairman of the college and corporation and director of examinations. Under his leadership the college inaugurated a system of examinations that became a standard throughout Great Britain and the British Empire.

Author of many educational works on music, he wrote an Academic Manual of Rudiments of Music, the sale of which has exceeded a million copies.

At Broadstairs Mr. Holmes spent most of his week-ends in the garden, the cultivation of flowers being one of his hobbies.

The funeral service at Christ Church, Sutton, was followed by a private cremation.

Wreaths were sent by: Alfred and Esther (brother and sister-in-law); Marion (sister); Audrey and Louise; Toby, Alfred and David; Edward, Connie and family; George, Jack, Evelyn and family; Alfred, Winifred and family; Harold and Violet; Reginald, Beryl and family; May, Tony, Peter, Sheila and Trevor; Alice, Rodney and family; Mrs. Richardson and Miss Fellows (cousins); Council and Corporation of the London College of Music; staff of professors, administration, examiners and office staff of the L.C.M.; Dr. Alan Strachan; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bostel; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Castle; Mrs. Powle and Cathie; Florence Mitchell (housekeeper); Beal, Stultard and Co.; Weekes and Co.; Dr. and Mrs. Bromley Derry; Arthur Ball; Mr. and Mrs. Bayley, Mrs. Smith and David; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Francis; Mrs. Crisp and Miss F. Lowndes.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

AWARDS TO BROADSTAIRS GARDENERS

Eighteen Broadstairs gardeners received certificates awarded under a scheme originated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries at a meeting of Broadstairs Allotment Holders' Association last week.

The presentations were made by the Chairman of the Council (Councillor H. Noble).

Special merit certificates were awarded to Councillor B. Humphrey and Mr. L. Parker. Merit certificates were won by Mr. C. Parker, Councillor O. Robinson, Mr. A. H. Quaife, Mr. J. C. Bell, Mr. G. H. Edmonds, Mr. S. Terry, Mr. R. F. Rowland, Mr. S. R. Parker, Mr. A. E. Admans, Mr. H. Hills, Mr. E. J. Perry, Mr. C. J. Goodliffe, Mrs. E. Fisher, Mrs. E. M. Saunders and Mr. T. H. Green.

The judging was done by Mr. A. Parker, Mr. A. C. Keeler, Mr. E. Saunders, Mr. H. Ball, Mr. W. Bowles and Mr. W. Parker.

The presentation was followed by a film show and a talk on crop rotation by Miss P. A. Martin. During the evening it was announced that the membership of the association was 203.

At the Cinemas

MY LEARNED FRIEND

DEANNA DURBIN AT ODEON

This week's programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, see the return of the screen's beloved singing star Deanna Durbin.

"My Learned Friend," featuring Will Hay and Claude Hulbert, which heads the bill to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, has an irresistible appeal for those who like broad comedy. The story takes you to a low dive in the East End, a theatre stage during the presentation of a pantomime, a lunatic asylum, the vaults of the House of Lords and the clock tower and face of Big Ben. But the majority of laughs are promoted by cross-talk rather than action. "Paradise Isle," also being shown, is a drama of the South Seas, starring Movita and Warren Hull.

Deanna Durbin completes her first twelve pictures with "Hers to Hold" the chief attraction on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It is the best performance of her career to date. She has the part of a ecstatically love-lorn girl renounced by her lover (Joseph Cotten) because he is just off to join the Air Force. Deanna sings her way through the story, her numbers including "Begin the Beguine" and "Kashmiri Song," the latter coming appropriately at the time she parts from her lover. If any further guarantee of the film's appeal is needed it is provided by the excellent acting of Joseph Cotten. Lee Tracy is starred in the supporting film "The Pay Off."

MISTER BIG

RANDOM HARVEST AT PICTURE HOUSE

The programmes at Ramsgate Picture House this week feature the return of one of the year's greatest screen dramas, "Random Harvest."

The main presentation to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, is "Mister Big," parading a galaxy of youthful American talent. Jive versus the classics is the theme of the picture and the idea is developed in entertaining style. Locale of the bright story is a school of the theatre where jive-minded youngsters mingle boogie-woogie with highbrow compositions. Donald O'Connor, Gloria Jean and Peggy Ryan are starred. The supporting film, "Danger in the Pacific," features Leo Carrillo and Andy Devine.

"Random Harvest," showing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, has been justly acclaimed as an outstanding film. Its story, by James Hilton, deals with a young officer of the last war, a victim of amnesia—loss of memory. He meets Paula, a show girl, who gives him a new lease of life and their romance blossoms in a quiet village. By chance of fate his memory is restored and what happens after that makes one of the most dramatic stories ever filmed. Ronald Colman and Greer Garson head the cast of this great film, and there is a fine performance by Susan Peters.

STAND IN

FRANCHOT TONE AT KING'S

Leslie Howard, the famous actor whose tragic death this year is mourned by the cinema going public, can be seen at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow in the riotous comedy "Stand-In."

He plays the part of the brilliant young vice-president of a New York bank who goes to Hollywood to pull off the rocks a film company which his firm has acquired. Bashful and bespectacled, he meets Joan Blondell, who helps him to outwit those who are conspiring to gain control of the company. Other leading roles are played by Humphrey Bogart and Alan Mowbray. To complete a laughter programme Anne Nagel and Warren Hull are starred in "A Bride for Henry."

Franchot Tone, Marsha Hunt and Gene Kelly lead the cast of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Pilot No 5," which heads the bill for the latter half of the week. The film unfolds the life of a fighter-pilot against a background of the war-torn Java jungles and Tone has his finest dramatic role since "Mutiny on the Bounty." His life is told in flashbacks while he undertakes a suicidal mission to make a stand with a patched-up plane against invading Jap machines. In "Attorney for the Defense," the supporting film, Frank Albertson appears as a lawyer marked for death by gangland because he knows the secrets of a hundred crimes.

MINSTER.

Parish Hall Dance.—The sum of £4 9s. for the Repair Fund was realised as a result of a dance held at Minster Parish Hall. There were 150 people present.

Charity From Salvage.—A sum of up to £5 is to be distributed at Christmas for charitable purposes out of the £23 6s. received by Minster Council from the sale of salvage.

Whist Winners. A whist drive in aid of the Prisoners' of War Fund held at Minster Parish Hall on Wednesday realised £1 17s. 3d. Major W. Howard was M.C. and prizewinners were Messrs. J. Brown, J. Beaumont, Holt, Lomax and Cotton, Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Fright.

On Remand.—A remand in custody for a fortnight was ordered at Ramsgate district police court on Tuesday, when Roderick Gordon Richmond and Kenneth Ashton, both of Merton Park-road, Wimbledon, were charged with breaking into the lock-up shop at Minster, owned by Irene Doris Jarvis, on 28th November.

Cemetery Railings.—The Ministry of Works have informed Minster Council that "owing to the particular circumstances" the railings of the village cemetery are not to be requisitioned for scrap metal. A substitute fence is to be erected round land belonging to Councillor G. Spanton, as the removal of the railings has left a considerable acreage open to the public.

Registrar's Visit.—Although the Kent County Council have written to say that the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths can attend at Minster on Thursday mornings, Minster Council are not satisfied. At the moment Minster people have to go to Sandwich or Deal to see him. The village Council, however, are not satisfied that the County Council's reply solves the problem although they agreed on Tuesday to give the scheme a trial.

Death of Mr. H. Kingsland.—A resident of Minster for the past 50 years, Mr. Henry Kingsland passed away at his home, St. Kilda, Fairfield-road, Minster, on Tuesday. Mr. Kingsland, who had been in ill-health for some time, was 69 years of age. He was a native of Ramsgate and went to live at Minster when appointed tailor at Hill House Institution. He retired nine years ago. Mr. Kingsland leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. The funeral takes place at Minster cemetery to-day.

THANET ECHOES

by The Listener

Town's Loss

RAMSGATE has lost many of its prominent public men since the war but none will be missed more than Mr. T. W. Mockridge. "Mocky," as he was affectionately known to his friends in all parts of Thanet, enjoyed every minute that he was devoting to the well-being of his fellow men and the town of his adoption. He was the personification of cheerfulness and no one could be dull in his company. The latter years of his life he devoted almost exclusively to the service of others and his amazing vitality made him seem ten years younger than he actually was. Mocky did far more even than was expected of him. Not only was he at the helm when the British Restaurants were launched but for as long as he was able he attended at the St. George's Restaurant each day to help with the serving. There is hardly an organisation in the town that has not had cause to thank him at some time or another. Civic life in Ramsgate is mourning the loss of a good man with a heart of gold.

Debt to Stafford

IT is unfortunate that some Staffordshire folk have gained the idea that the people of Ramsgate are unmindful of the service rendered to their children in the reception area. At the meeting of parents held at Ramsgate recently at which it was decided to press for the return of the secondary schools particular tribute was paid to the foster parents who gave such a fine welcome to Ramsgate children when they were evacuated over three years ago and have spared no efforts since to ensure their comfort and welfare. It is in no way a reflection on the people of Staffordshire that Ramsgate parents should want their children with them. The home is the basis of civilisation and no matter how congenial the surroundings the average child is never so well off as in his or her own home. If evacuation had been the other way round and Staffordshire children had come to Ramsgate no one would for a minute suggest that more would have been done for them than has been done for Ramsgate children in Staffordshire. The psychological aspect is as important as the physical and a child is bound to suffer if taken away from its own home for any length of time. The people of Ramsgate will always owe a debt to the people of Staffordshire for the way in which they looked after their children during the time of trial.

Mayor's Distress Fund

THE war has not lessened the number of appeals for charity although more and more are we coming to deprecate the circumstances that make such appeals necessary. War has brought distress to many Ramsgate homes and calls have been so heavy on the Mayor's War Distress Fund that the till is next to empty. Realising the calls that there are likely to be on the fund this winter Alderman Twigger is appealing to the townspeople to give it their support. "Numbers of Ramsgate residents who before the war relied partly or wholly upon visitors to the town for their livelihood find themselves in very real need," says the Mayor. "This applies particularly to middle aged and elderly people who cannot undertake war work and whose needs are not met by the various Government schemes of relief." Donations will be gratefully received and wisely administered but if you cannot send a donation give generously when a flag day on behalf of the fund is held on 18th December.

BURIED AT DUSSELDORF

OLD ST. GEORGIAN'S DEATH

For five months Mr. and Mrs. Avery, of Dane-cottage, Flora-road, Ramsgate, anxiously awaited information about their youngest son, Flt.-Sgt.-Eng. Reginald Avery, who was reported missing following a raid on Dusseldorf.

They have now received the sad news that Reginald lost his life and was buried at Dusseldorf on 15th June.

Twenty years of age, Flt.-Sgt. Avery was an old boy of St. George's Central School. He joined the R.A.F. over two and a half years ago, after being employed by Messrs. Rice and Son Ltd.

Complainant Was Absent

SUMMONSES AGAINST ST. PETER'S FAMILY DISMISSED

At the Cinque Ports police court at Margate last week, summonses taken out by a young St. Peter's woman against her father and two sisters, alleging that they had assaulted her on 17th November, were dismissed, in consequence of the complainant not appearing.

Defendants were John Henry Pearce, Mrs. Eileen Turrell and Winnie Pearce, all of Afghan-road, St. Peter's, and they had been summoned by Mrs. Olive Maud Roussell.

Inspector Hann said he understood complainant telephoned to Broadstairs police station that morning stating that her husband, who was a witness, was ill, and she did not think she would attend. She was told that she must appear if she wished the summonses heard. She also telephoned another witness, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, and told him she thought the court was at Broadstairs. She must have known that was not so, for she applied to the magistrates at Margate a fortnight ago for the summonses.

The three defendants were present and they were told that as the complainant had not appeared the cases would be dismissed.

Great and Worthy Citizen

FUNERAL OF MR. T. W. MOCKRIDGE

A large congregation, representative of all sections of the community, attended the funeral service at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Thursday, prior to interment at Ramsgate cemetery, of Mr. Thomas William Mockridge, former alderman and deputy mayor of the town.

The simple but impressive service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. George Bennett).

Mr. E. Yeo presided at the organ, the hymns sung being "The King of Love my shepherd is" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er."

The Vicar said they had gathered as Christian people to commend the soul of their brother to Almighty God and to witness what they remembered of him as to his life in Ramsgate. It was not with a feeling of sorrow that they took part in the service if they felt, as he was sure they did, that the service that afternoon was but the prelude to a more glorious one which was being held by the holy angels of God. Surely there was a joy in the presence of the holy angels of God that day to welcome the soul of one who lived a faithful Christian life. He had passed from their midst leaving behind him an honourable record.

Admired By All.

Men might do all sorts of things with their lives—good or bad. Their lives were very much in their own hands to do what they might with them. Those who based their life on Christ sought to show forth their love of Christ by using their lives for the good of their fellow men. They knew that their friend was above all else a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. They knew what he stood for in the councils of the town and the congregation of the faithful. Physical death was but a passing of the immortal soul from this sphere of activity to another sphere of activity in spiritual realms.

They had met as representatives of many different branches of activity in the town and of the church and they joined with the family in mourning the loss of a great and worthy citizen, a humble Christian, and one whom they all admired and some of them loved.

The Mourners.

The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mockridge (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Prime (daughter and son-in-law), Mrs. Lovelady (daughter), Mrs. F. Blowers (sister), Mrs. Phyllis Prime (granddaughter), Mrs. W. Blowers (niece), Mr. J. Wellard and Mr. H. Stanley (Canterbury).

Those present at the service included the following: the Mayor (Alderman G. W. Twigger), Aldermen A. B. C. Kempe, J. J. White, W. Hawkins, A. E. Petley, W. T. Smith and C. R. Woodhams, Councillors W. G. Love, O. Hughes, Mrs. F. L. Dunn, the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, T. H. Prestedge, J. Martin, J. D. R. Smith, J. B. Butler, S. E. Austin and Gray;

The Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), Mr. R. Clarke (Supt. Groundsman), Mr. H. Woodward and other members of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Department, the Education Secretary (Mr. S. V. West), the Senior Sanitary Inspector (Mr. E. Young), Mr. W. W. Clifford (Clerk to the Thanet Joint Hospital Board), Mr. R. Aiano (manager of Ramsgate British Restaurants), Lt.-Cmdr. H. J. Maynard (Harbour Master);

Mr. W. R. Wakefield (president of the National Association of Master Bakers), Mr. E. A. Coleman (president of the Kent Federation of Master Bakers and of the Isle of Thanet Association of Master Bakers), Mr. A. O. Stevens (secretary of the I.T.A.M.B., and representing the United Yeast Co.), Mr. J. K. Massey and Mr. H. Tucker (representing the Ramsgate and District Horticultural Society), Mr. W. A. Davies (Ramsgate Education Committee), Mr. P. Stanley (president) and Mr. L. Tombs, Mr. J. Hartley, Mr. E. Brown and Miss Nightingale (representing the Ramsgate Teachers' Association, N.U.T.);

Councillor H. Noble (Chairman of Broadstairs Council and of the Thanet Joint Hospital Board), Mr. George Kiy and Mr. H. L. Summers (representing Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce), Messrs. L. Rengert (president), P. R. Derry, J. S. Licence and George Kemp (representing Ramsgate Cycling Club), Mr. Hugh J. Perry and Capt. H. E. Rock (Ramsgate bench), Mr. W. Palmer (Deputy Chief Constable of Kent), C/I H. G. Butcher and Sgt. D. Brown (Ramsgate Div., K.C.C.), ex-Inspr. E. Swendell, Mr. B. E. Bushell and Mr. A. Futter (representing Ramsgate Bow's Club), Mr. S. A. Ovenden, Mr. W. Fuller and Mr. W. Drake (Ramsgate Methodist Church), Miss Thomson (secretary of the local branch, R.S.P.C.A.);

Mr. and Mrs. John Blinko, Mr. A. D. Sackett, Mr. T. Wright, Mr. P. F. Newbery, Mr. G. E. Balster, Mr. A. T. Mummery, Mr. S. C. Holthouse, Mr. F. Bowler, Mr. P. F. Weeks, Mr. Edmund Dunn, the Rev. S. B. Green, the Rev. J. H. Roundhill, Mr. H. R. Meader, Mr. John Morgan, and Miss V. M. P. Thomas (matron of Ramsgate General Hospital).

Floral Tributes.

Floral tributes were received from: Family; Connie, Dick, Peter and John; Mrs. Halliday and family (Bromley); Mrs. Halliday and family (Southall); Phyllis, Charles, Muriel, John and Robert; Sister Edith and family; Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell, Connie and Bert (Broadstairs); Trustees, Hardres-street Methodist Church; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hayward; Mr. A. Mummery; Mr. and Mrs. G. Clarke; Mr. and Mrs. T. White and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wellard and family; Mr. and Mrs. Anning; Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Stevens (Margate); Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Summers and Freda; Mr. and Mrs. Wraight; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hales (Broadstairs); Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Curtis; Mr. A. Shinn (Babbacombe); Worshipful Master and brethren, Lewises Lodge, No. 1209; Manager and staff of British Restaurant; Mrs. Waymouth; Mr. and Miss Bowler;

Staff of Parks Department serving in H.M. Forces; Ramsgate branch National Union of Teachers; members of Ramsgate Bowling Club; Mr. W. P. Hudson and Mr. H. E. Savory; directors of United Yeast Co. Ltd.; members and officers of Ramsgate Education Committee; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knight and Son; Chief Inspector and all members Ramsgate Div., Kent County Constabulary; the staff of Mockridge's; Mr. Sidney Smith; Mrs. Billingham and Ken; Mr. and Mrs. Will Coleman; Mr. Curtis, senr., and family; Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weeks; members of the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board; Mr. G. Jefford (Deal); Jess and Sister Baldock (Deal); Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ovenden; Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce; neighbours, Meeting-street; staff and scholars of St. Augustine's Schools; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Barber; Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club; A.

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SOLDIER'S THEFT

THOUGHT TOYS BELONGED TO A GERMAN

"Seeing it was a German I did not see any harm in it," said Gnr. William Fox, aged 40, stationed at Broadstairs, when questioned by a police officer concerning possession of some articles, the property of Arthur Albert Tester, alleged to have been stolen from Naldera, North Foreland, Broadstairs.

At the Cinque Ports Police Court, Margate, last week, Fox pleaded guilty to looting and to stealing articles to the value of £15 17s. He was fined a total of £4.

Mr. T. T. Cropper, prosecuting, said D/C Self saw defendant on the platform at Broadstairs railway station. He was carrying a suitcase containing the articles mentioned in the charge. Defendant at first said he bought the goods from a man in a public house but later said "I will save you a lot of trouble. I got them from a German's house. Seeing it was a German I did not see any harm in it. With my kiddies wanting toys and those rotting I took them. . . . Being a married man with four children and in the British Army and staying near a Jerry house I thought it right I should take them."

Mr. Cropper said the condition of the premises was such as to suggest that other people had been in the house before defendant.

Mr. A. R. Young, for defendant, said the articles stolen were mainly toys and games. There was a legend among the men in defendant's unit that a man who owned the articles and used to live at Naldera was a German. While that was not true, enough was known of him to make the men of the unit very unsympathetic towards him.

Referring to the charge of looting Mr. Young observed "Is it quite fair continually to bring a charge of looting in such circumstances?"

"NOTHING LIKE MUCK"

There was nothing like muck when there was practically nothing but muck That probably gave rise to this well-known farming proverb. Formerly manures were practically limited to the ashes of weeds and other vegetable refuse, legumes ploughed in, the dung of the sheep fold and the farmyard. On the same poverty of fertilising resources were founded the severe restrictions against selling hay, straw and roots off farms and against cross-cropping. Then, men had little knowledge of soil make-up, of how plants grow or of the special demand that each crop makes on the land. The discovery of concentrated fertilisers and how to use them to best advantage is the greatest achievement of agricultural science.

Broadly, however, the proverb is still true. Muck has been supplemented—not supplanted—by chemical fertilisers. Combining both nitrogen and minerals, farmyard manure is the only substance which in itself contains all the elements of fertility. But muck is more than plant food. It is a means towards tilth and a supply of water when the plant most needs refreshment; it is a source of humus, the mainstay of the vast micro-organic population whose activities render certain of the soil reserves available to the growing plant. In war, muck is our principal source of indispensible potash. Ten tons of dung contain as much potash as would be supplied by 2cwt. sulphate of potash; in addition, as much nitrogen as 5cwt. sulphate of ammonia and as much phosphate as 3½ cwt. superphosphate. Muck is also an efficient source of the minor elements, the lack of which is now known to cause trouble when dung is little used.

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O. Kelson; Isle of Thanet Master Bakers' Association; Mr. and Mrs. Copping; Mayor and Corporation of Ramsgate; Chairman and members, Supt. and staff, Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee; Mr. and Mrs. W. Court (Folkestone) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Court (Stoke Newington); the Prime family (Camberley).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

BROADCAST TO AMERICA

BUT DID NOT KNOW IT

Without knowing it, Ldg.-Acm. Charles Walkinshaw, R.A.F., of 6 Grove-gardens, Margate, broadcast recently to the whole of Western America.

During a 16 days' leave he toured America and paid a visit to the Hollywood canteen. One afternoon, while listening to a stage show which featured Leo Carrillo and Lynda Darnell, he and a pal were spotted in the crowd. They were invited on to the stage, introduced to the stars and said a few words into the "mike." It was not until the following day that they found they had been on the air all over Western America.

"After the show," says Charles in a letter, "Leo Carrillo took us to a high-class cocktail lounge and insisted on buying us a drink. We never thought we should have a drink with a top-of-the-bill film star. The biggest joke was that the girls in the audience wanted our autographs and half of them said they would write to us, so we are going to have quite a fan-mail."

Ldg.-Acm. Walkinshaw is an aircraft fitter in Canada.

TEACHERS' NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. P. Stanley was elected president of the Ramsgate Teachers' Association when the annual meeting was held at St. George's Central School last week.

He was installed by Mr. J. Westwood, an ex-president, deputising for Miss M. McCaig, the retiring president, who was unable to travel from Staffordshire owing to ill-health.

Other officers elected were: vice-president, Miss V. Bates; hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Hearnden; hon treasurer, Mr. W. E. Copping; press and minutes secretary, Miss L. Geary; secretary, New War Aid Fund, Miss D. Smith; committee, Misses Clement, Holt, Ouzman, Stewart and Emery, and Messrs. Willson, Pinder, Tombs, Westwood and Hartley.

A welcome was extended to Mr. Owen Papineau, divisional secretary of the National Union of Teachers, who gave an informative address on the constitution and work of joint advisory committees. He outlined the steps the union had taken since 1919 to bring into closer contact the two "partners" in education — the teachers and the administrative authorities.

Rating Officers.—Councillor G. M. Norton and Councillor H. V. Vokes, members of Minster Council, have been appointed rating and valuation officers.

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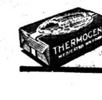

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Dickens' Recital. The Rev. D. L. Williams' recital of "A Christmas Carol" to-night will be given at the Ramsgate Congregational Hall and not at the Methodist Centenary Hall as originally arranged. The recital begins at 6.30 p.m.

Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 4th December amounted to £3,721, comprising £1,578 deposited in the Post Office savings bank, £1,210 in defence bonds and £933 in savings certificates.

Gifts to Hospital.—"In affectionate memory of a very loyal and true friend"—the late Mr. T. W. Mockridge—members of the Ramsgate W.V.S. Centre have sent a donation of £1 1s. to Ramsgate General Hospital. A similar donation in memory of Mr. Mockridge has also been received from Mr. Walter Drake.

King's Sketch.—W. P. Frith's sketch for his picture of Ramsgate Sands has been loaned by the King for the 200th exhibition of the Royal Society of British Artists, which is being held at their galleries in Suffolk-street, Pall Mall. The exhibition was opened by the Duchess of Gloucester.

Hospital Extensions Fund.—The following November donations are acknowledged by the committee of the Ramsgate General Hospital Extensions Fund: late Mr. T. W. Mockridge, £3 3s.; Councillor E. K. Minter (Broadstairs), £2 2s.; "H. and L.T.," 5s.; J.A.F., 2s. The fund now stands at £11,083 14s. 5d.

Rotary's Guests.—Sgt. Reginald Andrews, of Margate, one of the repatriated prisoners of war, was the guest at the fortnightly lunch of Ramsgate Rotary Club on Tuesday. Sgt. Andrews gave a graphic description of his experiences from the time of his capture at Crete up to his repatriation. The previous week the club entertained Ramsgate repatriated prisoners and a number of service men home on leave.

Toy Sale.—Held at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, a toy sale realised £40 for Red Cross Funds. Those who organised the effort wish to thank all who helped to make it a success. Whist drives held at the club in aid of the Red Cross have, to date, raised £163—but more support is still needed and all whist players are invited to take part in the drives, which take place every evening at 7.15 and on Monday afternoons at 3. Mr. A. Setterfield is M.C.

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BROADSTAIRS

Savings.—Savers in Broadstairs and St. Peter's invested £1,336 during the week ended 4th December. Of this total £693 was represented by savings certificates, £50 by defence bonds, £70 by 3 per cent. savings bonds, and £523 by deposits in the Post Office savings bank.

Red Cross Fund.—House-to-house collections for the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during November totalled £59 4s. 10d. A banana was sold by Mrs. L. Bing for 12s., the Bradstow Lodge of Freemasons donated £5 5s. and Mrs. C. L. Hardman £2 2s.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Mr. E. Thirkettle was M.C. at the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel. The prizewinners were Bdr. Kendall, Pte. Ventress, Mr. Thirkettle, Pte. Delaney, Mr. H. K. Pallant and Pte. Walkers.

Bible Society Meeting.—The Rev. E. G. Gould, from Hankow, China, spoke at a meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society at Queen's-road Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday. The local treasurer (the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie) reported that more than £46 was sent to headquarters by the Broadstairs auxiliary during the past year.

Rest Centre.—Staffed by the W.V.S. and capable of accommodating 60 persons, a new rest centre for bombed out people has been opened at Denemount, Vale-road, Broadstairs. The Chairman of Broadstairs Council (Councillor H. Noble), who opened the centre, praised the work of the W.V.S. The premises are fully equipped with sleeping facilities, heating and cooking arrangements.

Christmas Hospitality.—"See to it that there are as few lonely ones as possible on Christmas Day," writes the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith in the St. Peter's wartime news sheet. He asks parishioners to invite members of the services to share in their fun, and suggests that those who are shy should send their offer to the commanding officer of a unit, who will deal with it.

MORE HOME GUARD GIFTS

CIGARETTES FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

Following a further donation of £36 17s. from the Canteen Fund, Sgt. A. Nichols, on behalf of "D" (Ramsgate) Company of the Home Guard, has sent a further 134 parcels consisting of 250 cigarettes each to Ramsgate prisoners of war.

In a letter to Major Wale, officer commanding "D" Company, Rflmn. C. Nichols, son of Sgt. Nichols, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, writes:

"I wish to thank you, and the men from your company, for your present of cigarettes.

"Sometimes I am inclined to be ashamed that I should be a prisoner after only four days of fighting. It makes me feel as though I have let you old-timers down.

"But I must say that I am proud of you for carrying on, after having gone through the last war, and making a finish to a bad start in this, 'our' war.

"And so 'The Contemptible Little Army,' with 'The Sons of the Old Contemptibles,' good luck and a 'Jilldy' finish."

GOOD NEWS FROM FAR EAST

A cable has been received in London from New York, sent by an American repatriated prisoner, stating: "John and Catherine Blinko are safe, well and cheerful at Sainto Tomas University."

Since Mr. and Mrs. Blinko, son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Blinko, of Ramsgate, left Manila last September the camp has been moved to Los Banos.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Waited 9 Years Pte. George Seal, of 82 Church-road, Ramsgate, who last week announced his engagement in our columns, did not think he would have to wait nine years to propose to Miss Winifred Minter. But it was nine years ago that he decided to join the Army and see the world—and he would have been back in this country long before now had not the war intervened.

In fact George was on his way from the Middle East when war broke out and his regiment, the Royal West Kents, had to remain in Malta. There Pte. Seal saw life with a capital L. We are all familiar with the stories of the gallant George Cross island and George endured many of the horrors that the constant visitations of the enemy brought in their train.

On aerodrome defence work, Pte. Seal, an old Lillian-road Schoolboy, helped to bring down many raiding aircraft. Action was the best part of life there, he says, for the tension of waiting for the next raid was "binding."

He has nothing but praise for the Maltese who faced these constant onslaughts with stoic spirit. After the noise and excitement out there he finds this country very dull but he looks back on experiences that he would not, by choice, go through again, such as the duty of unloading ships during a heavy bombing—working hard in the hold and wondering every moment if a bomb would hit the vessel.

Most heartbreaking of all, he says, was to find that a ship loaded with cigarettes and other comforts had been lost, while another with a cargo of metal polish, etc., got through safely.

War In Peacetime Peacetime hardly lived up to its name for Pte. Seal who, after three years in India, was sent to Palestine to help to quell the Arab riots.

George has many tales to tell of that campaign, which provided the incidents, if any were needed, to harden him to the soldier's life. His unit was engaged in several skirmishes with the Arab tribes. There was one occasion when the Arabs ambushed a lorry loaded with Jews. They had placed a mine in the centre of the roadway but the wide vehicle passed over this unharmed. The Arabs were prepared for this, however, and they fired on the lorry, inflicting awful casualties. The unit to which George was attached were sent straight to the spot and they completely wiped out the gang, who had retired to a nearby wadi.

As an example of the artfulness and murderous brutality of the Arabs at this time, Pte. Seal quoted the tragic story of two of his comrades who were sent each morning to draw water from a pool. Somehow the Arabs got to know of this procedure and one morning they concealed themselves in the surrounding bushes. As one of the soldiers was bending down to get the water he was shot clean through the forehead. His pal plunged into the bushes but the Arabs overpowered him and he was shot in cold blood.

Yes, George has had some experiences and, even if England is at war, he's glad to be back in the old country. When he gets married—early next year he expects—he will have the good wishes of many old school friends.

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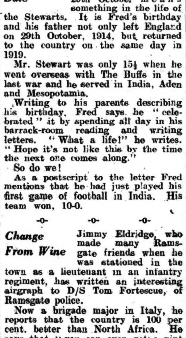
Modest Hero Ldg.-Stkr. Cecil Howells, R.N., who, as reported in our columns in September, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, has returned to this country after nearly two years at sea.



Twenty-one-year-old son of Mrs. Howells, of Bryn Hyfryd, Roman-road, Northwood, Cecil is now enjoying a 24 days' leave at home.

Ldg.-Stkr. Howells is very modest about his deeds as a member of the crew of the submarine Unruffled and hasn't even told his mother about the exploits that won him the D.S.M. The citation, however states "for bravery, unfailing cheerfulness and devotion to duty while serving in H.M. submarine Unruffled in eight war patrols in the Mediterranean, in the course of which much valuable enemy shipping was destroyed, and two special reconnaissances were carried out."

Awards to the crew of the submarine included one D.S.O. and bar and 11 D.S.Ms, while six others were mentioned in despatches.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces, so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

From Farm to Africa Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jenkins, of Twenties Farm, Margate, Dvr. Ivor C. Jenkins, R.A.S.C., is now with the British North African Force. Until joining the Army in April last he was employed at Hengrove Farm.

His sister Joan, who formerly worked in the Borough Treasurer's office, is a balloon operator in the W.A.A.F., which she joined over 18 months ago.

Sheets For Sergeant Fred Stewart, pictured above, finds life at an Indian arsenal a drastic change from assisting in a Ramsgate provision store, but according to letters to his parents he is making the best of it.

Recently promoted a sergeant in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Fred is the 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stewart, of 14 Ivy-lane, Addington-street, Ramsgate. He went to Christ Church and Hereson Schools and later started work as an errand boy at the Ramsgate branch of the World's Stores. He afterwards became an assistant in the shop.

As soon as it was formed, Fred volunteered for Home Guard service and was with the local company until he entered the Army. He soon passed his examinations as a goods storeman and his ability in this direction gained him a position in the arsenal where he is now working.

In one letter written from his present station he said "We had a rough journey here lasting three days and nights. I am now much more settled and have never been more comfortable than I am here. We get some really good food in the sergeants' mess and have a bearer to make our beds, clean our shoes and do more or less everything for us. The beds have sheets and pillows so it's as near home as we can be. It is getting cold here and snow is likely. We are being issued with khaki battledress soon so I shall be back in my usual 'Blighty' rig-out."

Important Date A true horoscope would show that the date 29th October means something in the life of the Stewarts. It is Fred's birthday and his father not only left England on 29th October, 1914, but returned to the country on the same day in 1919.

Mr. Stewart was only 15½ when he went overseas with The Buffs in the last war and he served in India, Aden and Mesopotamia.

Writing to his parents describing his birthday, Fred says he "celebrated" it by spending all day in his barrack-room reading and writing letters. "What a life!" he writes. "Hope it's not like this by the time the next one comes along."

So do we!

As a postscript to the letter Fred mentions that he had just played his first game of football in India. His team won, 10-0.

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Change From Wine Jimmy Eldridge, who made many Ramsgate friends when he was stationed in the town as a lieutenant in an infantry regiment, has written an interesting airgraph to D/S Tom Fortescue, of Ramsgate police.

Now a brigade major in Italy, he reports that the country is 100 per cent. better than North Africa. He says that "you can even get a pint of beer if you know where to look—a real change from the eternal wine."

A good many of the "old gang" are still with him, he goes on, although there are some gaps. Michael Hodges was badly wounded and Bill Wain is back in England. Michael Cowland-Cooper, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Cowland-Cooper, formerly of St. Lawrence, was slightly wounded, and David Hall killed.

Major Eldridge's wife is in the W.R.N.S. "afloat somewhere in the world." On her last voyage she went to Canada with the Prime Minister.

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Double Honours Thanet A.T.C. Squadron proudly reports that ex-Flt.-Sgt. Ldg.-Cdt. W. H. Parkinson, of the Margate Flights, who is still overseas, has passed his navigator's course, won his "brevet" and received a commission. He is the first cadet in the squadron to gain both honours.

Ex-Cdt. H. E. Pollard, a sergeant flight engineer waiting to be "crewed up," and ex-Cdt. R. S. Cook, now taking a flight mechanic's course, were both home on leave last week.

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Deputy C.C's Son Home Only son of Mr. William Palmer, Deputy Chief Constable of Kent, of Margate, Spr. William Palmer, R.E., is home after two years in the Middle East. He has completely recovered from a wound in the arm sustained at the Mareth Line.

Part of his job in the Eighth Army push was the detection of mines and booby traps and doing bridging work in captured towns. He had several narrow escapes when looking for mines but it was a fragment of a mortar bomb which caused him to be sent back to Egypt in a hospital ship. He was enjoying a three days' leave in Tripoli when Mr. Churchill visited the town.

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Cook Butcher Daughter of Fireman W. G. Pull, of Gordon-road, Westwood, Acwm. Nelly Pull is now a cook butcher at a Royal Air Force camp in the north of England. Gnr. W. Pull, her brother, has been invalided out of the Royal Artillery after serving for six years. Wounded at Dunkirk, he afterwards went abroad again and took part in the Battle of El Alamein.

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News from the Studios

Tuesday Film Review

To day we present No. 1 of a new feature which will appeal to all cinema-goers.

Every Tuesday we shall offer you news of your favourite film stars, the pictures they are making, and general topics direct from the film studios.

Remember five-year-old Billy Severn in "Journey for Margaret"? Billy now has a part in Cecil B. DeMille's latest spectacle, "The Story of Dr. Wassell." He appears as an English schoolboy who, with his mother (Edith Barratt), embarks on the last refugee ship to leave Java during the Japanese invasion. Produced in technicolor, the picture stars Gary Cooper.

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From tests of a host of established stars and many "unknowns," Paramount has selected an actor to play the Feuhrer in the documentary drama "The Hitler Gang." He is Robert Watson, well-known on the Broadway stage. Watson completely resembles Hitler in facial appearance, build, gestures and mannerisms. Now that he is "set," director John Farrow expects to fill rapidly such parts as Goering, Goebbels, Hess, Himmler, von Ribbentrop, Streicher, Ley, Strasser and von Papen.

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Veronica Lake, whose picture graces many a barrack-room, has signed with Paramount for another year. She will be seen in "Bring on the Girls" and will follow up by portraying the title role in "Victoria Grandolet," a new novel by Henry Bellaman, author of "King's Row."

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A film is now being made of the famous story "The Man in Half Moon Street." Nils Asther is cast as a brilliant scientist developing an elixir of eternal youth. The scenes necessitated the reconstruction of Dr. Serge Voronoff's laboratories where he made an extended application of his monkey gland secretion theories which created storms of controversy some years ago.

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The announcement that Russell Thorndike is to appear in the new Tommy Trinder film "Fiddlers Three" is particularly interesting to Kent film-goers. Well-known actor and author, he was the writer of the "Dr. Syn" series of books dealing with the thrilling adventures of the parson-smuggler on the Romney Marsh.

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One of Paramount's most important films coming along is "To-morrow's Harvest," in which Ray Milland, Maureen O'Hara and Katina Paxinou have the leads. It is directed by Frank Borzage, who was responsible for the direction of "Seventh Heaven" and "A Farewell to Arms."

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Comedy relief in "Five Graves to Cairo," shown in Ramsgate a few weeks ago, was provided by Fortunio Bonanova in the part of a ridiculous Italian general. Bonanova, a Spanish actor, plays a guerilla leader in "For Whom the Bell Tolls," perhaps the most talked-of film of the moment, and he is now busy acting the role of a Greek lorry driver in "Double Indemnity." Featuring Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray and Edward G. Robinson, this is a picturisation of James M. Cain's thriller, and Albert Dekker is cast as Miss Stanwyck's husband.

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Although Dorothy Lamour wears nine changes of costume in "Rainbow Island," she can carry them all in her handbag. In fact the changes are merely variations of the scantiest and most authentic sarongs she has yet worn on the screen. The aggregate weight of the "austerity wardrobe" is 35 ounces. "Rainbow Island" is a musical in technicolor.

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We shall soon be hearing much of Barry Sullivan, handsome Broadway leading man, who scores with his portrayal of the psychiatrist in the technicolor musical drama "Lady in the Dark," shortly to be screened in this country.

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Sonny Tufts and Paulette Goddard, whom you will see in "So Proudly We Hail" at Ramsgate shortly, are teamed again in "When I Come Back," now before the cameras. Mary Treen, famous Hollywood character actress, has an important part in this film as a welder at a shipyard.

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"True to Life," generally released last week, has Mary Martin, Franchot Tone, Dick Powell and Victor Moore as its stars. The film is Miss Martin's ninth picture since she leapt to stardom with her singing of "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" in the Broadway production "Leave It to Me."

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Now making "Going My Way," with Rise Stevens and Jean Heather, Bing Crosby is scheduled for "Road to Utopia" (with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour) and a technicolor period musical "California."

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Here are some everyday suggestions for those all-important puddings, making use of egg.

Chocolate Custard Flan.

Pastry—
- 2ozs. fat
- 6ozs. flour
- Pinch salt
- Cold water to mix

Filling—
- 1oz. melted margarine
- 3 level dessertspoons cocoa
- 1½ level tablespoons sugar
- Jam
- 1½ dried eggs (dry)
- 4 level tablespoons dried milk (dry)
- 1½ level tablespoons flour
- ½ level tablespoon sugar
- Vanilla essence
- ¾ pint water

Rub fat into flour; add salt and mix to a stiff dough with water. Roll out, line a greased flan tin and bake in a quick oven till almost cooked.

Filling.—Cream margarine, cocoa and sugar to a soft consistency. Spread on flan and cover this with a thin layer of jam. Mix egg, milk, flour and sugar and blend with a little of the water. Boil the remainder and pour on the mixture, stirring well. Add a little vanilla essence and fill up the flan with this mixture. Replace flan in oven for 10 minutes. Serve cold.

Pikelets with Syrup Sauce.

- 8ozs. flour
- 2 dried eggs (dry)
- 2 level tablespoons household milk (dry)
- Pinch of salt
- 3 level teaspoons baking powder
- 1 level tablespoon sugar
- ½ pint water
- Lemon essence
- 1oz. melted margarine
- Golden syrup

Mix flour, egg, milk, salt, baking powder and sugar to a smooth batter with the water and beat well. The batter should be thicker than a pancake but should flow easily from the spoon. Add lemon essence and melted margarine.

Heat a girdle, hot-plate or frying pan and grease with a little cooking fat. Drop spoonful of the mixture on the hot girdle and cook until the surface is full of bubbles, turn over and brown the other side. The girdle should be just hot enough to brown both sides of the pikelet by the time the mixture is cooked in the centre.

To make sure of getting a round pikelet drop the mixture from the tip of the tablespoon, holding the spoon upright over the girdle. If you pour the mixture from the side of the spoon, a badly-shaped pikelet is the result. Use 2 spoonsful for each pikelet and make them about 6ins. across. As each is made, spread thinly with syrup, keep hot, and put the next pikelet on top, sandwich fashion, and spread with syrup. Continue doing this until you have a pile of 6 or 8 pikelets. To serve, cut in wedges like a cake and serve with syrup sauce, i.e., syrup thinned with a little hot water.

Chocolate Soufflé.

- 1oz. fat
- 1oz. flour
- 1 gill milk
- 4 dried eggs, reconstituted
- 1 dessertspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon cocoa

Melt fat and stir in flour. Add milk and cook until the mixture leaves the sides of the pan. Add sugar and cocoa. Beat the eggs, add to the flour mixture and beat well again. Pour into a greased dish and bake 15 minutes in a fairly hot oven. Serve at once.

Canada Lecture.—Illustrating his talk with lantern slides, the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie spoke of his journey through Canada with a camera at the Queen's-road Baptist Schoolroom, Broadstairs.

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MARRIAGES

Hewitt—Belsey.—11th December, at St. John's Church, Margate, by the Vicar, the Rev. K. Percival Smith, Bdr. George Ernest Hewitt, youngest son of Mrs. C. Hewitt and the late Mr. Hewitt, of Marlborough-road, Margate, to Denise Alice Belsey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Belsey, of Boundary-road, Ramsgate.

Sims—Goodchild.—4th December, at St. Mary's Church, Reading, by the Rev. Steer, Elven Garnet Wilbert Sims, of Manitoba, Canada, to Janet Elizabeth Goodchild, of Ramsgate.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Fortune—Drapper.—10th December, 1893, at St. Mildred's Church, Canterbury, John Fortune, of Ramsgate, to Ellen Louise Drapper, of London. Formerly of "The Plough," King-street, and 19, Wellington-crescent, now living at 49, Plains of Waterloo, Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Ayres.—2nd December, at 8 Sunnyside, Durlock, Minster, Edward Ayres, aged 84 years.

Brett.—6th December, at 40 Gordon-road, Cliftonville, Margate, John Birch Brett, aged 84 years.

Finch.—7th December, at 7 Belmont-road, Westgate, Maude May Finch.

Harlow.—5th December, at Margate General Hospital, Charlotte Ann Harlow, aged 77 years.

Lilley.—6th December, at 2 Shaftesbury-street, Ramsgate, Louis Robert Lilley, aged 68 years.

Pointer.—7th December, at Fern Villa, Church-street, St. Peter's, Fred Pointer, aged 81 years.

Shambrook.—5th December, at 12 Orchard-road, Riverhead, Arthur James Shambrook, late of Ramsgate.

Watts.—5th December, Andrew Watts, of 2 Camden-cottages, Camden-road, Ramsgate, aged 68 years.

Webb.—13th December, at 8 High-street, St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, suddenly, Ellen Elizabeth, dearly-loved wife of Thomas William Webb, in her 58th year.

RETURN THANKS

The family of the late Mr. E. Ayres, of Minster, wish to return thanks for sympathy in their bereavement and to all who sent flowers.

Mrs. Ball and Family wish to thank Civil Defence nurses and neighbours for their help, all friends who sent floral tributes, the doctor and Mr. W. H. Maskell, the undertaker.
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The family of the late Mr. T. W. Mockridge wish to thank friends for kind enquiries and sympathy, the staff of Ramsgate General Hospital, the doctor, and Mr. W. H. Maskell, the undertaker.
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